GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - Allegations of corruption and misconduct - Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 24 r/w rule -20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.481 Dated:19.06.2024

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.13, Revenue (Vigilance.III) Dept., Dt: 17.01.2024

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ORDER:

In pursuance to th G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control Appeal) Rules,1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry are proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure - I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II III).

3. Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within 10 days of receipt of this order,.

4. Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - is further informed that if they do not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District invited to Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of the order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To

Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District - now working(Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The Director General Anti Corruption Bureau., A.P., Vijayawada
The District Collector, Chittoor District
SF/SC

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI BUKKE RAVEENDRA NAIK, AGE 31 YEARS, S/O B. RAMA MURHTY, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KOTHAPALEM VILLAGE, OFFICE OF TAHSILDAR, RENIGUNTA MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

That Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, age 31 years, S/o B.Ramamurthy, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District (here-in-after referred to as Government Servant (GS) while functioning as such during the period from 24.09.2015 to till date of Surprise Check on 24-01-2020 has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

ARTICLE OF CHARGE-I:

That the government servant Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District failed to deliver six (6) e-Pattadar Passbooks to the concerned Pattadars even after a lapse of 12 days and 4 days for the remaining passbooks after receipt of them and the same was found during the Surprise-check conducted by the ACB officials on 24.01.2020.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby violated of Rules 3 (1) & 3 (2) of APCS Conduct Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI BUKKE RAVEENDRA NAIK, AGE 31 YEARS, S/O B.RAMA MURHTY, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KOTHAPALEM VILLAGE, OFFICE OF TAHSILDAR, RENIGUNTA MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

That Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, age 31 years, S/o B.Ramamurthy is the native of Ramanaik Thanda, Peddamandyam Mandal, Chittoor District. His date of birth is 06.04.1989. He joined in Government Service on 01-06-2012 as Village Revenue Officer and posted to Sompalli Cluster-I, O/o the Tahsildar, Mulakalacheruvu Mandal, Chittoor District. There after he was transferred to Kothapalem Village, Renigunta Mandal on 25-10-2015. Since then, he has been working there as VRO, Kothapalem Village from 25-10-2015 to till date of Surprise Check on 24-01-2020. His basic pay is Rs. 32,670/- in Scale of Pay of Rs. 27,500/- - 87,480/-. His date of superannuation is on 30.04.2051. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant (GS).

CHARGE-I:

That the government servant Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District failed to deliver six (6) e-Pattadar Passbooks to the concerned Pattadars even after a lapse of 12 days and 4 days for the remaining passbooks after receipt of them and the same was found during the Surprise-check conducted by the ACB officials on 24.01.2020

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

A Surprise Check was conducted on the Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta on 24-01-2020 from 11.30 hrs to 23.15 hrs by the ACB Officials of Tirupati in the presence of mediators i.e., Sri Chalichalamala Venkatanarayana Chowdary, and Sri Pedirigari

Sambasiva Reddy, on credible information that various corrupt practices were being followed by the Officers and staff of Tahsildar Office, Renigunta Mandal for issuing Pattadar Passbooks, Carrying out mutations, Entry of details of lands into online, Survey of lands and other miscellaneous works.

During the Surprise Check conducted in the presence of mediators, it was found that 6 (six) e-pass books were not delivered to the concerned Applicants by SO-13. When the SO-13 was asked in the presence of mediators as to why he kept the six e-Pass books with him though said books had to be delivered to the concerned Pattadars immediately after receipt of the same by him, he kept silent.

Sl. No.	Patta/ Katha Book No.	Name of the Pattadar	Sy.No. & Village	Name of the VRO
1	802	D.Haraprasad	Kothapalem, 78/1B4B	B.Ravindra Naik
2	804	P.Narayanamma	Kothapalem, 61/2A	B.Ravindra Naik
3	796	P.K.Padmaja	Kothapalem, 191/A2	B.Ravindra Naik
4	801	D.Manjunatha	Kothapalem, 191/1C	B.Ravindra Naik
5	710	B.Yugandhar Babu	Kothapalem, 336/6B2, 336/8	B.Ravindra Naik
6	797	K.Sreedevi	Kothapalem, 322/3L 322/3K, 325/1C, 325/1A, 325/2	B.Ravindra Naik

The Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati examined the above applicants. They stated that they received their pass books, subsequent to the surprise-check. Thus the charge is substantiated.

Thus the Government Servant Sri Bukke Raveendra Naik, Village Revenue Officer, Kothapalem Village, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated o Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of APCS Conduct Rules 1964 and thereby rendered himself liable for departmental action for major punishment .

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI BUKKE RAVEENDRA NAIK, AGE 31 YEARS, S/O B.RAMA MURHTY, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KOTHAPALEM VILLAGE, OFFICE OF TAHSILDAR, RENIGUNTA MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Surprise Check proceedings drafted at the Office of Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District on 24-01-2020.
2. Seized Register of Sub Division-2019, O/o the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal.
3. Seized Register of Sub Division - 2020, O/o the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal.
4. Seized Register of Spandana, O/o the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal.
5. Letter in Roc.A/151/2020 dt.17-2-2020 of Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati.

6. Letter in L.Dis.A/44/2020, dt.21-10-2020 of Tahsildar Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District.

7. Statements of LW-3 to LW-5.

If any document is found to be relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI BUKKE RAVEENDRA NAIK, AGE 31 YEARS, S/O B.RAMA MURHTY, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, KOTHAPALEM VILLAGE, OFFICE OF TAHSILDAR, RENIGUNTA MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. **Sri Chalichalamala Venkatanarayana Chowdary, S/o Sri C. Bhaskara Naidu, age 57 years, Head Master, SPZP Girls High School, Chandragiri, R/o 502-B, Sri Nithya Towers, M.K. Naidu Colony, Tirupati, Cell No. 9440557960 (Mediator-I).**

He is the 1st mediator of Surprise Check Office of the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his attending to preparation of Surprise Check Proceedings on 24.01.2020, as per actual happenings along with Mediator-I, his observations, lapses as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc., facts.

2. **Sri Pedirigari Sambasiva Reddy, S/o P. Gurava Reddy, age 55 years, School Assistant, ZPHS MR Palli, Tirupati., R/o 1-42, Kopparavandlapalli Village, Perumallapalli Post, Tirupati Rural, 9502217945 (Mediator-II).**

He is the 2nd mediator. He speaks to the facts of Surprise Check Office of the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District on 24.01.2020. He typed the Surprise Check Proceedings in the laptop carried by ACB officials with the assistance of mediator-II. He speaks about his observations, lapses as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc., facts.

3. **Smt. Pusa Narayanamma, age 50 years, W/o P.Reddappareedy, Sathabhaku, Penumuru Mandal, Chittoor District.**

4. **Sri B.Yugandhar Babu, age 49 years, S/o B.Lokanadham, R/o 76, Mount Poonamalle Road, A2, 3rd floor, Muthanurmaan Apartments, Tiruvalluru,Tamil Nadu.**

5. **Smt. K.Sridevi, age 44 years, W/o K.Raghunadha Reddy, R/o Pillapalem Village, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District.**

LW-3 to LW-5 speak to the facts of receipt of their e-pass books after surprise check by ACB officials on the office of the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District etc.,

6. **Sri V.Kanaka Narasa Reddy, Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupati, Chittoor District.**

He speaks about his furnishing the service particulars & Job Chart of the Government servant and etc., facts.

7. Sri G. Ravi Kumar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati.

He speaks about the facts of conducting surprise check Office of the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District on 24.01.2020 from 12.00 hours to at 23.15 hrs as per actual happenings, his observations, lapses and etc., facts.

8. Sri M. Vishnu Vardhan, SI of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati.

He speaks about the facts of conducting surprise check along with LW.11 Office of the Tahsildar, Renigunta Mandal, Chittoor District on 24.01.2020 from 12.00 hrs to at 23.15 hrs as per actual happenings, his observations, lapses and etc., facts.

9. Sri P. Nagendra, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati.

He speaks about the facts investigation and submitting the Final Report to Head Office and etc., facts.

10. Sri B. Suneel Kumar, Inspector of Police, ACB,Tirupati Range, Tirupati.

He speaks about the facts of his continuing further investigation and submitting the Final Report to Head Office and etc., facts.

If any witness is found to be relevant, he will be produced during the time of enquiry.

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